

## **News from the City of Greenville**

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## 906 New Parking Spaces Downtown

Greenville, SC... Very early Tuesday morning, March 30, while most of us are still asleep, City employees will have coffee perking, donuts delivered and entrances opened to welcome new parkers into the Spring Street Garage. This new state-of-the-art parking facility, with a price tag of \$10 million, will provide 906 new spaces to surrounding businesses, visitors and eventually residents in the Bookends Condominium now under construction on the side of the garage.

According to Mayor Knox White, the design concept used for the Spring Street Garage is an example of the City's commitment to providing quality facilities that meet the growing demands for downtown parking. "We have reached a new level in development in downtown Greenville," he says. "The renovation and construction of commercial buildings downtown is now being equaled by the boom in residential and mixed-use development. In response to this growth, the City has adopted an aggressive and creative approach to building parking facilities that maximize parking areas, complement adjoining buildings and allow for flexible use."

The Spring Street Garage replaces the out-dated Municipal Garage which was darkly lit and tightly spaced. In contrast, the new garage features light colored ceilings and high light levels, public safety cameras and an intercom system for easy communication with parking staff. The garage also offers such technically advanced

features as AVI tags for hands-free public access to monthly parkers and electric charging stations for alternative fuel vehicles.

Another unique feature to the garage is the placement of the large "P" symbol on the side of the building and on the entrance and exit signage. "We build these garages for the convenience of our customers. But you can't use parking that you can't find," says Public Works Director Dan Durig." He notes that the City is planning to add the "P" symbol to other City parking facilities, as well. "With the addition of the 906 parking spaces in the Spring Street Garage, we now have almost 6,500 off-street public parking spaces. The "P" symbol on directional signs and on all City parking facilities will help visitors find their way to convenient and safe public parking."

The City operates 7 multi-level parking facilities, 7 surface lots and 2 parking decks in downtown Greenville. More information on City parking can be found on the City website at <a href="http://www.greatergreenville.com/city">http://www.greatergreenville.com/city</a> services/spring opening.asp.